GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Distribution and Transmission of Electricity
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to put stress improving the distribution and transmission system of electricity instead of its generation in order to resolve the
problems being faced by the people due to its non-availability;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has explored the possibility of surplus electricity being available in the country due to improvement in transmission and distribution system of electricity;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has formulated any plan to achieve this target and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b) : Distribution is the interface with the consumers and assumes an important role in Power Sector value chain. Thus, the Government of India has been laying emphasis on improving the Distribution infrastructure by launching various programmes/schemes such as Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) and Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) to improve operational efficiency of the power distribution system and revenue realization of the DISCOMs.

(c) to (e) : The Installed capacity of Generation assets in the country as on 12.7.2017 was 3,29,931MW. The peak demand and demand met in the year 2016-17 was 1,59,542 MW and 1,56,934 MW respectively. Improvement in Transmission and Distribution system reduces energy losses. The Government of India, in consultation with the States, have decided to reduce the Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses as per details given in the Annexure.

The Government of India has signed Agreements with all States and Union Territories (UTs) under "24X7 Power for all" arrangements under which States/ UTs have committed to targets across Generation, Transmission and Distribution sector with the objective of ensuring 24X7 power to all consumers.

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